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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION IRAQ; HARARE

- ¶1. Under headline "Save generations from scourge of war" the pro-government daily "The Daily Mirror" dedicated its March 13 editorial to discouraging the United States from attacking Iraq, saying, "the unilateral use of force against Iraq is illegitimate under international law." Excerpts:
- ¶2. ". . .But who really is for war against anything at this moment in time? Very few, if reports around the world are anything to go by. The majority of the people have said 'NO' to war in order 'to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war. . .'. American presidents, going back to Franklin Roosevelt, have dismissed anti-war protests, much like George W. Bush did in declaring he wouldn't be swayed by millions of people around the world who gathered last month to protest a looming American-led invasion of Iraq. . . It is our well-considered view that leaping into a war, an unjustifiable war, is tantamount to telling the whole world to go to hell!."

SULLIVAN